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July 2025

JUNE MINUTES



It was a warm day.
Girls stayed in the
AC except Cindy
who had a report.



Twenty-five members at Saturday, June 28 at the OH on a hot and sunny afternoon. President Scott Brown called the meeting to thank Rosalee and Ken minutes were approved as leak. He recognized our special guest, Beth Pratt who drove father-in-law Richard to the meeting so we could enjoy his company.



tended the monthly meeting on Campbell house in Loveland, ternoorn. President Scott order about 2:15 PM and for hosting. (applause) April published in the June News-

President Scott asked for information on the location of the missing OVAHC banner. Contact him if you know where it is. Vice President John Wallace, Secretary Dale, Newsleak Editor Mary Ann, and Historian John Parrott had no report. Web Administrator Don was away.

Treasurer Cindy reported that since the April 26 meeting at the Lindauer home, credit for split the pot \$45 and we had national dues rebates for online credit card payments and that was eight folks who paid with credit card at this point and that was \$120, the auto cross net is \$350, and then we had one new local only member who has joined and that was for \$20. Total of \$535 credits. Debits to Rosalee for RP Diamond digitizing for the 50th anniversary club logo for \$26.95, \$75 for AHCA after they overpaid us for 5 previous rebates, \$5 for local only insurance for the national coverage of local only members, \$75 for June meeting hosts. We paid \$5 for one local only insurance fee, June hosts \$75. Total of \$181.95 debits. Current balance is good. Tech team balance is \$1793.

Membership Rosalee Campbell reported we have two new members. Tim Sisson returned to the fold as a "local only" member. He was an original 1975 founding member. Kevin Koffel from northern Kentucky joined also. He has two 100 A-Hs with one restored and one needs some transmission work. Rosalee is still taking OVAHC 50th anniversary t-shirt orders with the updated logo from RP Diamond. She mentioned the silk-screen work looks fantastic. She has one small shirt on hand for sale. Contact her for details on the offer.

Tech Director Tim reported on the last session on Skip's white MGA named Magic. Bernie Grabow has a Tuesday 7/1 session planned for Henry the 8th. Show up at 9:30 AM to help get his eighth Healey Road worthy. Richard volunteered to help the tech team including with the transmission for the A-H 100 if someone can pick him up. Jerry Cox said he may need some help with his MGB repairs.

Tim reported on the Branson caravan assistance we were able to provide to Duffey's Healey. We swapped out the bad distributor in the Paducah, KY hotel parking lot with a new PerTronix Ignition and it ran well. Contact Tim to join in, or to schedule a tech session.

The Acting Activity Activator volunteer was Jeff Porada. Nancy Bacon scheduled an ice-cream run following this meeting with 4 stops. This coincides with the AHCA request to promote our Healey cars in the USA and Canada by holding a 7-day contest to get exposure at the shops with our vehi-



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JUNE MINUTES continued

cles and take photos, too. Jeff read a list of things to do starting with today's 6/28 meeting, Sunday July 8 for an eight-stop ice cream run, Saturday July 12 OVAHC 50th anniversary meeting, Wednesday July 16 ROMEO lunch at Ludlow-Bromley Yacht Club, Wednesday July 23 Juliettes lunch at Ruth's Parkside Cafe, Saturday July 26 OVAHC drivers' training session, Saturday August 2 for the Dayton British Car Day show. Saturday August 23 for the Bellefontaine Hill Climb event (ask Jake for more info), Thursday August 28 for a trip to the Mansfield Ohio correctional Institute where Shawshank Redemption was filmed with the MINI Club and Miata Club invited too. (see Dale for more info) September 14 is the BCCGC British Car Day in Fairfield. Mid America Classic in Hocking Hills September 14 – 17, Southeastern Classic in Franklin TN September 18-21. October 11 Kurt's fall driving tour. Make plans to get out and about with us, please?

Business Manager/Delegate Jake said the Midwest AHC has been approved to host Conclave in Galena, IL in September 2026. Jake and Jeff Porada are members of the AHCA retention committee, and they are reporting continual successes. They are looking at attracting new members, improving visibility, incorporating QR codes, and doing what it takes to be current in today's world. "Healey Braking News" is one of their successes so far. It comes to your email inbox once a month or so. Be sure to log on frequently to see the other improvements. They are now using auto renewals this fall with one-click for 2026 to make it easier to rejoin the AHCA. They are looking into making a folder which owners could keep in the Healey glove box and pass it on to the new owner to show that the AHCA is available to them, too. They are setting up a tech database for mechanics and repair referrals.

The New England AH Club has held zoom calls with tech teams to assist in maintaining our Austin – Healeys. Jake and others are looking to replicate this effort across the country. OVAHC may be a host site soon. Mike Schneider is willing to set up the Zoom call for the area clubs. You will get an email inviting you to log on. We would need OVAHC volunteers to participate with their knowledge ready to answer live questions. You could check the AHCA web site and see if another part of the country has one in which the topic appeals to you. Free and open to all members. With "young" Ben Moore taking the President's job, these efforts and the make-up of the committee for retention gives Jake cause for optimism towards the future.

Scott called on Rosalee for the standing committee report on the 2026 Mid America Classic. She said: "John Wallace, Ken and I would be co-chairs for the show based in Lebanon, OH June 7-10, 2026. We have signed a contract with the Drury Inn off of I-75 located on Route 122 in Middletown. The car show will be in Lebanon and the rallye will end in Waynesville with Scott and Dale as organizers. The awards banquet will be at The Golden Lamb.

Drury Hotels provides free hot breakfast every morning and hot food and cold beverages at 5:30 Kickback every evening built into our special \$137 hotel nightly rate. It includes dinner, snacks, and each adult gets three adult beverage tickets every night if you stay at the facility. That way that it works out as it helps us with hospitality every night at the Drury. The banquet price may be higher, but it is offset by the 5:30 Kickback dinner which we will use for our Thursday welcome meal.

We will have a free, comped hospitality room as our focal point and it will also be where we do the funkhana and house the silent auction. Hopefully we will have raffle baskets again. A special parking area is to be set aside for us and an area for us to wash the cars. Security provided for us when the Middletown police drive through occasionally, just to check on our cars. We think it's an excellent package for us as it saves us a tremendous amount of money.

I've also been told that some of the people who volunteered in the past have stepped forward again. We will be contacting people and getting you started. We would like to be prepared to make an announcement in September at (M.A.C.) Hocking Hills to let people know that's what we're going to do."

Rosalee asked for any questions, and she got a hearty round of applause. President Scott said *thank you very much* to Rosalee for all that hard work. That's one hell of a terrific package deal so he is hoping everybody will attend and once we get the word out, he's sure our attendance will be right up there. Looks like we'll have a great event!

Old business: Tim Ross asked what we were doing to invite founding members to the July 12 50th Anniversary meeting. He said he had talked to the Cusicks, and they are coming. Scott said it was publicized in June part 2 Newsleak and he was bringing Chuck Law. Dale said he asked for and received 1975-78 membership rosters from Ken Kreuter and he mailed 3 addresses and emailed 4 more. We will see.

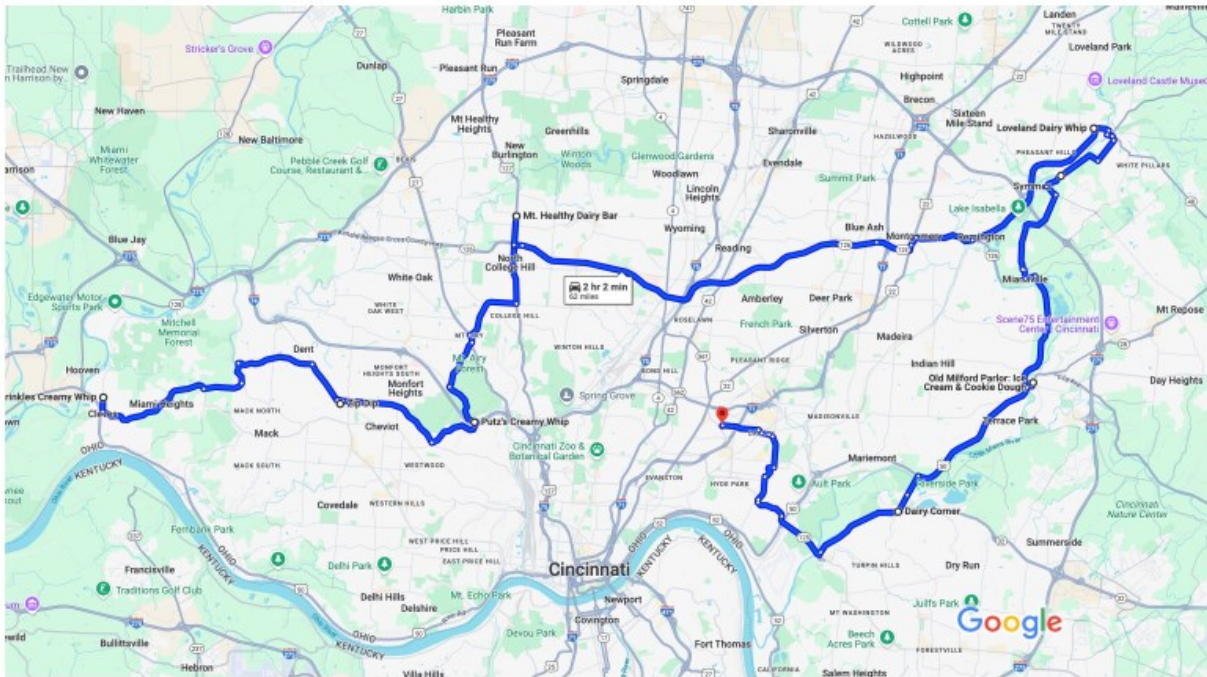
No New business.

The next meeting will be on Saturday, July 12 at Cox home near Batavia, OH. President Scott thanked Rosalee and Ken for hosting. (applause) After he adjourned the meeting, we went back to snacking and socializing, before the ice cream run started.

Submitted by Secretary Dale



Sprinkles Creamy Whip, 500 N Miami Ave, Cleves, OH 45002 to Norwood Delite Creamy Whip, 4490 Forest Ave, Cincinnati, OH 45212 Drive 62.0 miles, 2 hr 2 min



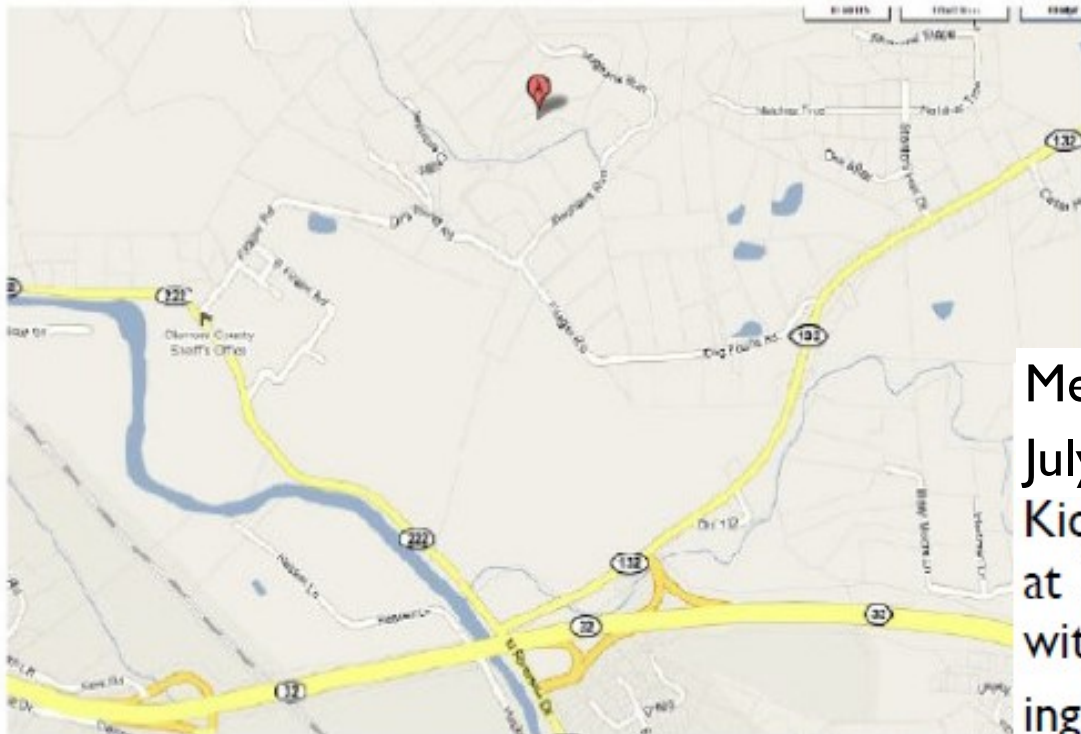
Please join us for A Driving Adventure in and around the Hocking Hills State Park and Hocking State Forest. Within the park are over 25 miles of hiking trails featuring rock formations, beautiful towering cliffs, thrilling waterfalls, recess caves and deep, hemlock-shaded gorges. Lodging will be at the new Hocking Hills State Park Lodge and Conference Center. Accolades for the area include:

- Among "the 50 most beautiful places in America" according to *Condé Nast Traveler*
- Voted 2024 Best Hiking Trail in the US by readers of *USA Today*
- 2023 Forbes Best Places to Travel

[Mid-America Classic Online Registration - September 14 - 17, 2025](#)



COX MEETING JULY 12



Meeting on
July 12
Kick tires
at 1:00
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ing at 2:00.

Meeting on Saturday, July 12 . Kick tires at 1:00 with meeting at 2:00. Bring folding chairs, please.
Charleen and Jerry Cox
4571 Megan's Run Batavia, OH 45103-1224

Use your GPS but watch out for construction: If all else fails, follow detour for Route 132 NORTH and then turn left onto Filager Road, then right on Megan's Way to house # 4571 and look for the British flag.

S.R. 132/222 Roundabout - At the route's junction immediately north of S.R. 32 in Batavia. Retaining wall construction is under way, and traffic is being maintained on temporary and existing pavement on both routes in 11-foot lanes. The intersection has been closed, and northbound S.R. 132 traffic will be detoured via S.R. 32 East and the loons at Bauer Road to S.R. 32 West and the S.R. 132 interchange. Southbound S.R. 132 will be detoured via S.R. 32 West and the Olive Branch-Stonelick Road interchange to S.R. 32 East and the S.R. 132 interchange. S.R. 222 traffic will be detoured via U.S. 50, S.R. 132 and the overlapping detours on S.R. 32. The entire project is scheduled for completion in the fall of 2024.

If you are coming from the north, you may consider using Route 450 exit # 59B to Route 50 to 222 south.

Then turn left on Filager Road just before the Clermont County Jail, then left on Megan's Run. This keeps you away from Route 32.

If coming from the south, you may just have to use exit # 63 B from I- 275 at Route 32 and follow the detour signs.

CALENDAR 2025

July 6—Ice cream drive (see details in Newsleak)*

July 12 - You are invited to the Saturday, meeting of OVAHC. This year is our 50th year in AHCA and want some original members to attend as our guests. It is at the home of Jerry & Charleen Cox, 4571 Megan's Run Batavia, OH 45103-1224 at 1 PM to kick tyres and 2:00 PM for the meeting. We ask folks to bring chairs and BYOB for any favorite adult drinks, too. We will have a special cake to eat.

July 16—Romeo lunch—Ludlow yacht club

July 23—Juliettes— Ruth's Parkside Cafe, 1550 Blue Rock St, Cincinnati, OH 45223

July 26—OVAHC Drivers training at Live Oaks

August 2—British Car Day, Dayton, OH

August 23—Bellefontaine Hill Climb Revival 7

August 28—Prison drive (see Newsleak)

September 14—British Car Day, Cincinnati, Ohio

September 14-17 Mid America Classic at Hocking Hills

Sept 18-21—Southeast Classic in Franklin, TN

(See March Newsleak for info)

October 11—Autumn Classic Driving Tour

***Ice Cream Drive** Sunday July 6th. Meet at Sprinkles Creamy Whip at 2:00 500 N Miami Avenue, Cleves, Ohio 45202. This drive includes 8 ice cream stops with a total of 2 hours of driving. You can do all or some of the route with us, so feel free to join and bail at anytime. AHCA is promoting getting ice cream in your Healey this week and are having a photo contest with prizes. Come participate and show national why we are the best local club! Nancy found top rated soft serve places in Cincinnati and I connected them on the most interesting roads I could find. (Map to Sprinkles on page 3)

MEETINGS 2025

July—Cox
August—Wolfer
September—Grabow

October—Parrott
November—Slater
December—Christmas

Visit The Ohio State Reformatory

Thursday, August 28 at 11:30 AM (don't be late) Queen City Coopers treasurer Craig Schlesinger has planned a unique experience for us. For around \$50 you can get a PRIVATE tour of the Ohio State Reformatory (prison for the Shawshank Redemption movie) up in Mansfield, Ohio. It is a one day trip as of now. We hope the price ends up around \$40 per person. 100 Reformatory Road, Mansfield, OH 44905 Phone: (419) 522-2644



So when and where else can you go to prison, and get out Scott Free the same day?

We plan to open this to the Cincy Miata Club and the Ohio Valley Austin – Healey Club to lower costs to all. Looking for 20 – 30 attendees. Drive to Mansfield, OH and get a \$50 per person private tour. INTENTION IS TO LOWER THE COST WHEN WE GET MORE SIGNED UP. Getting there is up to each person because we will have a definite time slot. 11:30 AM. They have a food canteen for lunch. The date is Thursday, August 28. And then we will make an organized drive back. Sign up and pay Craig when we get the method worked out.

First half of the Ice Cream drive

